

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §
SAN PATRICIO AND NUECES §
CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

On this the 11th day of August, 2006 the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass convened in a Special Called Council Meeting being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

PRESENT: Jesus Galvan, Mayor
Frank Hametner, Council Member
Grace Chapa, Council Member
Tommy Knight, Council Member

ABSENT: Dorothy Roberts, Mayor Pro Tempore

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT: Scott Thompson, City Manager
Ada Owens, City Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ABSENT: Allen Lawrence, City Attorney

STAFF PRESENT: Darren Gurley, Director of Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT: Belinda Ritz, Gilbert Ritz, Dalia Sanchez (San Patricio County Tax Assessor/Collector), Jay Masterson, Carol Munroe (Progress Newspaper)

(There may have been others present who did not sign in).

ITEM 1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

Mayor Galvan called the meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. on August 11, 2006.

ITEM 2. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON PROPOSING A TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS**

Discussion was held on the proposed tax rate and the effect the property values set by the Appraisal Districts would have on property taxes paid by City property owners.

Council Member Knight expressed his concerns about the new property valuations raising City taxes even though the City's tax rate would be lower than last year.

The City Manager stated the budget was balanced and the City had a very good year with a \$316,000 fund balance which was put back into the organization in order to make up pay disparities and added four new positions. He stated one of the concerns from a Council Member was about the trash in the City. Two new Public Works positions were put in the budget for cleaning up trash.

The City Manager stated if Council decides, after they have gone through the budget, that they want to lower the proposed tax rate \$100,000.00 would have to be cut out of the budget.

The San Patricio County Tax Assessor/Collector Dalia Sanchez discussed the schedule for proposing the tax rate and setting the public hearings for the tax rate. She stated there was a new State requirement to have a record vote by the Council Members on the proposed tax rate.

Council Member Chapa made the motion to set the proposed tax rate at .612428 per \$1,000.00 valuation. Council Member Hametner seconded the motion and the motion carried with the vote being Council Member Hametner – for, Council Member Chapa – for, Mayor Galvan – for, Council Member Knight – for.

ITEM 3. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON SETTING DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED TAX RATE.**

Council Member Knight made the motion to set the first public hearing for the proposed tax rate August 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. and the second public hearing for the proposed tax rate September 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Council Member Hametner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

Mayor Galvan adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Jesus R. Galvan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ada Owens, City Secretary